

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

**Winter Wheat Production
2002 Sugarcane and
Sweet potato Production Revisions**

U. S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat: Area for 2003 grain harvest is forecast at 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1, but up 23 percent from 2002. As of June 1, heading had reached 84 percent in the 18 major states. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas) are above last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also above last year's level, except in Texas. Most of the growing region received adequate moisture during the past month, except in Texas where dry conditions continued. In Kansas, widespread rains received statewide during May helped to boost crop conditions in the central and eastern parts of the state. Continued dry weather in Texas has caused deterioration of the crop. In Oklahoma, excellent condition ratings continued in the

northern half of the state, while the Panhandle and southwest districts remained in mostly fair to poor condition. Nebraska crop conditions are above both last year and the 5-year average. The South Dakota crop is progressing well with most areas receiving adequate moisture. In Montana, rainfall was received on a regular basis during May, increasing crop prospects.

Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield survey in the 3 Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are well below last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are above last year. Excessive spring precipitation across this region reduced crop condition ratings during May.

The Pacific Northwest States (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) winter wheat yield prospects are unchanged from a month ago in Washington and Oregon, but improved in Idaho. Idaho experienced a rapid transition during late May from cool, wet weather to warm, dry conditions. Precipitation during late April and early May was above average for most areas, boosting yield expectations. Oregon conditions declined slightly during May, but are still better than last year. Rainfall during the month helped fill wheat kernels, however stress is still visible in some dryland fields. In Washington, warmer temperatures in late May accelerated growth.

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Selected States	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
Arkansas	840	610	46.0	51.0	38,640	31,110
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	33.0	36,300	72,600
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	44.0	267,300	426,800
Louisiana ¹	220	1/	40.0	1/	8,800	1/
Mississippi	205	125	44.0	50.0	9,020	6,250
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	36.0	98,000	169,200
Texas	2,700	3,700	29.0	29.0	78,300	107,300
United States	29,651	36,447	38.5	44.6	1,142,802	1,626,376

¹Not available until September 2003.

Louisiana Sugarcane

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in 2002 totaled 14.0 million tons, 2 percent below last year's output. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed totaled 495,000 acres, unchanged from 2001. The average yield per acre was 28.3 tons, down 0.7 ton from last year.

Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed

State	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹	
	2001	2002 ²	2001	2002 ²	2001	2002 ²
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----	
<u>For Sugar</u>						
Florida	445.0	442.0	35.1	38.3	15,620	16,929
Hawaii	19.3	21.3	97.3	99.0	1,878	2,109
Louisiana	460.0	465.0	29.0	28.3	13,340	13,160
Texas	46.0	43.6	42.1	39.1	1,937	1,705
United States	970.3	971.9	33.8	34.9	32,775	33,903
<u>For Seed</u>						
Florida	20.0	19.0	35.9	38.1	718	724
Hawaii	1.5	1.4	36.2	35.5	54	50
Louisiana	35.0	30.0	29.0	28.3	1,015	849
Texas	1.0	0.9	25.0	30.0	25	27
United States	57.5	51.3	31.5	32.2	1,812	1,650
<u>For Sugar and Seed</u>						
Florida	465.0	461.0	35.1	38.3	16,338	17,653
Hawaii	20.8	22.7	92.9	95.1	1,932	2,159
Louisiana	495.0	495.0	29.0	28.3	14,355	14,009
Texas	47.0	44.5	41.7	38.9	1,962	1,732
United States	1,027.8	1,023.2	33.7	34.7	34,587	35,553
	For Sugar				For Sugar and Seed	
	Price Per Ton		Value of Production		Value of Production³	
	2001	2002⁴	2001	2002⁴	2001	2002⁴
	-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----			
Florida	31.70	--	495,154	--	517,915	--
Hawaii	30.80	--	57,842	--	59,505	--
Louisiana	25.70	--	342,838	--	368,924	--
Texas	28.90	--	55,979	--	56,702	--
United States	29.00	--	951,813	--	1,003,046	--

¹Yield and production refer to net weight.

²Revised.

³Price per ton of cane for sugar used in evaluating value of production for seed.

⁴Estimates are not available. State estimates will be published in "Crop Values," February 2004.

U.S. Sugarcane Production

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2002 is revised to 35.6 million tons, down 1 percent from the March 1 estimate but up 3 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 1.02 million acres, fractionally below the previous estimate and 2001. The estimated yield for sugar and seed production is revised to 34.7 tons per acre, 0.4 ton below the March 1 estimate but 1.0 ton above the 2001 yield.

Production of sugarcane for sugar is revised to 33.9 million tons, 1 percent below the March 1 estimate but 3 percent above 2001. Area harvested for sugar production totaled 971,900 acres, fractionally less than the previous estimate and fractionally above 2001. Yield of sugarcane for sugar was 34.9 tons per acre, down from 35.2 tons on March 1 but 1.1 tons above 2001.

Louisiana Sweet Potatoes

There were 21,000 acres planted to sweet potatoes in 2002, down 3,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres was 15,000, while yield per acre averaged 125 cwt. Production was estimated at 1.89 million cwt, 39 percent below the previous year's total.

Sweet Potatoes

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Cwt-----		-----1,000 Cwt-----	
Alabama	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	170	180	493	486
California	10.0	10.4	10.0	10.4	230	265	2,300	2756
Georgia	0.5	2/	0.4	2/	100	2/	40	2/
Louisiana	24.0	21.0	22.0	15.0	140	125	3,080	1875
Mississippi	16.7	16.0	16.0	12.3	150	160	2,400	1968
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	105	125	126	150
North Carolina	37.0	40.0	36.0	37.0	155	130	5,580	4810
South Carolina	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.1	80	110	128	121
Texas	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.3	100	180	380	594
Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	220	210	110	105
United States	99.1	97.2	94.4	83.5	155	154	14,637	12865

¹Revised

²Estimates discontinued in 2002.

U.S. Sweet Potato Production

The revised estimate of 2002 crop year sweet potato production is 12.9 million cwt, up 3 percent from the annual estimate made in January but 12 percent below 2001. Area harvested, at 83,500 acres, is up 200 acres from January but 12 percent below a year earlier. The average yield, at 154 cwt per acre, is 4 cwt above the January estimate but 1 cwt below the 2001. The sweet potato crop estimate in California, at 2.76 million cwt, is up 13 percent from January on the strength of record high yields. Conditions throughout the growing season were excellent. Texas production increased 6 percent as yields turned out higher than earlier expected. South Carolina's harvested acreage estimate was increased 200 acres from the January Annual Crop Summary.

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